* SSA should have a separate component for ECCE where IDCS is not in operation. Convergence with ICDS for the pre-schools component, should be done.

Students going abroad for study

723. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students who passed senior secondary examinations would not be able to get admission in the colleges because of inadequate capacities;

(b) if so, whether the number of students, who may have to opt studies abroad would increase significantly as a result thereof;

(c) whether the students opting for studies abroad require clearance from Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons went abroad for graduation during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are enough opportunities for Higher Education in the country. There are 347 Institutions of higher learning and over 16,000 colleges imparting education at present.

(c) to (e) The Government does not maintain statistics in this regard, as no clearances are required from the Ministry of Human Resource Development for students opting for studies abroad.

Assistance under informal education scheme

†724. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects for which assistance has been provided every year by Government to Uttar Pradesh under the informal education scheme during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether any representation has been sent to Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide more assistance to the State under the information education scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development has no scheme on informal education. The programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education, is being implemented in the country, including in Uttar Pradesh, which *inter alia* provides flexible strategies for children in difficult circumstances. The following assistance have been given to Uttar Pradesh for such activities during the last three years against their Annual Work Plans:

2003-04	Rs. 923.73 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 1003.00 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 2919.00 lakhs

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Private engineering colleges

725. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private engineering colleges funcitioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the All India Council for Technical Education monitors functioning of these private engineering colleges in respect of quality of education, worthiness of teachers and laboratory and other infrastructural facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The State-wise